

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MINUTES

March 18, 2019

James M. Hill Memorial High School

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
Beatrice LeBlanc
Nancy McBain
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:30 p.m. at James M. Hill Memorial High School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>Presentation: Mrs. Heidi Ryder, Principal, and Mr. Mark Noel, Teacher</p> <p>Mrs. Heidi Ryder, Principal, welcomed the District Education Council members to James M. Hill Memorial High School. The members were then invited to visit Mr. Mark Noel's classroom, where he gave a presentation on "Personalized Learning Skills". Mr. Noel was one of the teachers from Anglophone North School District who visited the Hi-Tech High Campus in San Diego this past January. He was so impressed with the personalized learning program at that campus, that James M. Hill adopted it with the philosophy, "Let Them Learn".</p> <p>Mr. Noel explained that the program this year is based on the theme, "Find Your Passion". Students were given a choice of topics, which were surveyed as being the most important issues in the world today, and they are developing a project based on a topic that is of interest to them. Mr. Noel noted the students' enthusiasm with this program and how well it is being received by students of all achievement levels. He stated that the ability of students to express themselves has greatly improved. He also explained that during the students' research, some curriculum outcomes are actually crossing over into other curriculum outcomes, ie. Math, Science, Literacy, Art, etc.</p>

	<p>James M. Hill Memorial High School will be hosting a drop-in meet and greet for teachers to view the completed projects and possibly return to their schools to engage in professional learning with their colleagues. James M. Hill is also planning to host an information session for parents and students prior to the next school year to explain the personalized learning program to them.</p> <p>Council members thanked Mr. Noel for his presentation. As a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mrs. Ryder with a book for her school library.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>
F.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,7 – Meeting Review Form (ii) C/SR 4 – Meeting Review Form (iii) EL 1,7 – Meeting Review Form (iv) E-6, GP-8, EL-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>All correspondence items were forwarded to the District Education Council members prior to this meeting. There was discussion concerning the letter received from Hon. Dominic Cardy, dated February 28, 2019, with regard to election boundaries. Mr. Mortlock asked Council members to review the boundaries for their subdistricts and inform him of any concerns.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Superintendent’s Evaluation Report</p> <p>Andy Flanagan, Chair of the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee, thanked the District Education Council members for their input on the Superintendent’s evaluation forms. Mr. Flanagan stated that all of the completed forms indicated that Mr. Donovan has met or exceeded all expectations.</p>

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Carmel Hambrook to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Report as presented, and to support a two-step pay increase effective July 1, 2019.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock congratulated Mr. Donovan for doing a fantastic job as Superintendent, and for the many initiatives and projects that are underway in every sector of the school district. Mr. Mortlock noted that the self-esteem level of students is improving as a result of those projects.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He submitted the names of 10 PSSC members who are interested in attending the DEC Symposium at the Rodd Miramichi on May 10-11. He noted that he will continue to register any local PSSC members who do not require hotel accommodations. • He accompanied Hon. Dominic Cardy on his visit to the Chatham Daycare Center, King Street Elementary School and James M. Hill Memorial High School on February 22. • He reminded Council members that the French Second Language consultation will conclude on March 31. • An update on the new Campbellton school is expected soon. • Mr. Mortlock and Joe Petersen will be attending the Minister's Forum in Fredericton on March 22 and 23.
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENTS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "Storm Day Forum" was held on February 28 at the Office of the Superintendent, and it included representatives from the Parent School Support Committee, District Education Council, teachers, administrators, and students. The purpose of the forum was to discuss the impact that storm days have on student learning and to discuss various options. Mr. Donovan noted that there have been 14 storm days to date. <p>Mr. Donovan reported on some of the feedback that he received from these stakeholders, and he stated that possible recommendations will be shared at the provincial level. Mr. Donovan thanked Carmel Hambrook and Andy Flanagan for attending the forum on behalf of the District Education Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terri Maltby, of Gretna Green School, was nominated for the "Outstanding Volunteers" award.

- Starfish Awards were awarded to the following:
 - Barbara Brown, Literacy Lead, Miramichi Education Center
 - Shelley O'Toole, Literacy Lead, Dalhousie Education Center
 - Dawn Beckingham, Principal, Dalhousie Regional High School
 - Marg Chase, School Library Worker, Gretna Green School
 - Reba Carroll, Teacher, King Street Elementary School
 - Jocelyn St.Onge, Principal, Lord Beaverbrook School
 - Mary O'Neill-Delano, Teacher, Nelson Rural School
- The "Students First Awards" will be presented at each individual school again this year in May or June. The deadline for nominating non-teaching support staff for this award is May 6.
- Mr. Donovan will attend a Mental Health Workshop on March 19 at Bonar Law Memorial School.
- Mr. Mortlock plans to attend the High School Leadership Conference being held in Bathurst on March 19. This conference will allow student representatives an opportunity to collaborate and share ideas about what is working in their schools. Mr. Donovan noted that high school students are realizing that they have a voice in their schools and that they are being heard.
- A Principals' Meeting will be held at James M. Hill Memorial High School on March 21. There are four Principals' Meetings held throughout the school year, in addition to regular weekly contact that principals have with the two Director of Schools via Lync calls.
- The provincial budget will be announced during the week of March 18.
- ASD-N is forecasting a significant budget surplus for fiscal year-end on March 31, 2019. This is mostly due to the many unfilled absences in all employee groups since October 2018, as well as the effect of 14 storm days. The school district has been able to provide extra financial support to schools, and it will continue to cover costs associated with professional learning opportunities for teachers.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will announce its decision about the French Immersion entry point by mid April.
- Mr. Donovan will be attending the Education, Research and Development Research (ERDI) Conference in Quebec City from April 2-6. Anglophone North School District has been able to purchase several of the learning support products that ERDI showcases at its conferences.
- Anglophone North School District will be partnering with NBCC in taking the first steps towards creating a dual-credit system in September. This program

	<p>will be based on the model that is currently in place at the United Technology Center (UTC) in Maine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An “Elders in Schools Program” video will be completed next month. To date, four ASD-N schools have participated in this 6-8 week program, in which First Nations’ elders visit the schools to share traditional teaching, storytelling and culture. Mr. Donovan noted that this video will be available for the next District Education Council meeting. • Mr. Donovan reported that the Tom Donovan Arena in Renous is one of the four finalists left in the Kraft Hockeyville event. ASD-N staff, students, parents and community will be asked to support the community of Renous in this competition by voting on-line on March 29 and 30. • Mr. Donovan shared the story about a James M. Hill student who fled with his family from Syria to Canada. This student could not speak English when he arrived in Canada, but after eighteen months, he is now fluent in English and is one of the top students at James M. Hill. This student recently shared the story about his journey from Syria at a provincial ED Group meeting held at James M. Hill.
<p>K.</p>	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Sheila Rogers reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Superior Middle School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Girls’ basketball team won the 2018-19 North Shore Middle School banner. - Boys’ basketball team won the Miramichi U14 banner. - Students will be participating in the Northern Region District Chess Tournament. - Grade 6-8 students take part in the Health, Mind and Body Block. • <u>Bathurst High School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students made the CBC News after helping clear the snow from the windows of the Southern Comfort Villa. - Students are being encouraged to apply for the \$3,000 Romeo Dallaire scholarship to help fund their Africa 2020 trip. - A former student, and a nephew of Sheila Rogers, recently became an Associate Professor at UNB. • <u>Terry Fox Elementary School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Grade 4 F.I. class hosted a “Fur the Love of Animals” event, with donations going to the local SPCA. - There were class visits by a geologist who spoke about rocks and minerals, and an artist who gave art instruction.

- The next PCEAC (Provincial Curriculum Evaluation and Assessment Committee) meeting will be held in Fredericton on April 24, 2019.

Joe Petersen reported on the PSSC meeting he attended at Dalhousie Regional High School. At that meeting, the School Improvement Plan was reviewed and the shortage of replacement teachers was discussed. Mr. Petersen will also be attending the Minister's Forum in Fredericton on March 22-23.

Beatrice LeBlanc reported on the PSSC meeting that was held at Harcourt School. Members discussed the role of the PSSC, the upcoming DEC Spring Symposium, recruitment of students, strategies, interventions and flex-grouping. She also reported that at the PSSC meeting held at Rexton Elementary School, the principal explained the role of the PSSC and the group engaged in discussion about changes in the school system. Mrs. LeBlanc will be attending the Cluster Meeting at Harcourt School on April 10, as well as scheduled PSSC meetings at the three schools in Rexton.

Carmel Hambrook's comments were as follows:

- She commented briefly on the Storm Day Forum that she attended on February 28. She noted that ensuring the safety of students is always the priority with regard to storm days.
- She attended three PSSC meetings since the last DEC meeting. Topics that were discussed at these meetings included chronic absenteeism, assessments being written by students with disabilities, concerns about perception surveys, and personalized learning. At Max Aitken Academy's PSSC meeting, Mrs. Hambrook was able to see a demonstration on Milo, a robot that is designed to support the educational needs of Autistic children.
- Mrs. Hambrook raised a question, which was raised at a recent PSSC meeting, about changes in the level of service being provided to schools and students in the area of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. Mr. Donovan indicated that he would check on this with Mrs. Connie Daley, Director of Education Support Services, and report back to the District Education Council members.

Andy Flanagan commented as follows:

- He was pleased to meet Hon. Dominic Cardy during the DEC's lunch meeting on February 22.
- He attended the Storm Day Forum at the Office of the Superintendent. He was impressed with the students who participated, and he enjoyed listening to their ideas.
- The staff and students at James M. Hill are in the process of planning for the Juno 2019 trip.

	<p>Micheal Mortlock recently attended a PSSC meeting at Sugarloaf Senior High School. He reported that this school is trying new and innovative ideas this year. He will also be attending two PSSC meetings in March.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock inquired about whether volunteering is part of the students' graduation requirements. Mrs. Rogers noted that because of unresolved issues at the provincial level, volunteering has not yet been identified as a requirement for graduation. It was noted that volunteering may be one of the requirements for obtaining a credit in the Leadership course.</p>
M.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on April 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Andy Flanagan.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
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